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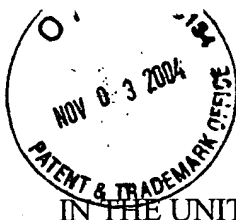
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**AMENDMENT AND REPLY TO NON-FINAL OFFICIAL ACTION**

Sir:

This is in response to the Non-Final Official Action mailed August 24, 2004, in connection with the above-captioned Application, having a statutory period for response set to expire November 24, 2004. It is believed that this Amendment and Reply is timely without the need for an extension. If an extension is necessary to make the Amendment and Reply timely, kindly grant one and charge any fee associated with the extension to deposit account no. 02-4553. The Examiner's objections and rejections have been carefully considered, and in view of the following remarks and amendments, reconsideration and early allowance of all pending claims is courteously requested.

Please amend this Application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the Listing of Claims, which begins on page 3 of this Amendment.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this Response.